

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 and 13 are pending in the application. The other claims have been cancelled without prejudice. Favorable re-consideration is requested.

At the outset, applicant thanks the Examiner for withdrawing all of the previous rejections.

Claims 1-4 and 7 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated by Sadr USP 6467643. For at least the following reasons, Sadr does not anticipate the claims.

In the rejection, the Examiner considers the border to the left peak of Sadr's ridge 40 as identical to applicant's claimed top face. If this is the case, then we must consider this border as being either solely formed of the left vertical face of the ridge (option 1) or formed of the vertical face of the ridge and the horizontal face of the tank (option 2). And, the same reasoning has to be applied for applicant's bottom face (i.e., option 1 is solely the right vertical face of the ridge).

If option 1 is chosen by the Examiner, then Sadr's barrier layer (50) between the two vertical faces does not form at least one zigzag-shaped double fold – as required in applicant's claims. In addition, the synthetic resin multilayer is not delimited by a top face, borders, and a bottom face – as required in applicant's claims. Thus, option 1 does not anticipate the applicant's claims.

If option 2 is chosen, the first thermoplastic resin layer is not defining said faces and said borders; and each of the two barrier layers (50) is not double fold. In addition, the synthetic resin multilayer is not delimited by a top face, borders and a bottom face. Thus, option 2 does not anticipate the applicant's claims.

For any option chosen, applicant's claimed subject matter is not anticipated by the Sadr reference. As a result, the rejection must be withdrawn.

Claims 1-7 and 13 stand rejected as allegedly anticipated by Short USP 6613408. For at least the following reasons, Short does not anticipate the claims.

Short has no zigzag-shaped double fold – as required by all claims. A double fold is illustrated below, to facilitate the Examiner's understanding, and as shown in applicant's figures.



For at least the foregoing reasons, applicant requests the withdrawal of the rejections.

Finally, applicant notes that the applicant's corresponding European application now stands allowed.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions, the undersigned may be contacted at 703-816-4009.

Respectfully submitted,

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